



Havre Job Service Employers' Committee
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2007

Members Present:

Cathy Jamruszka
Carol Jestrab
Joe Schmier
Sylvia Murray
Gail Rainey
Garnet Bergren
Darrel Hannum
Wendy Lynn Gerky
Dolores Plumage

Job Service Staff Present:

Pam Harada, Manager
Barry Remus, JSEC Coordinator

Members Absent:

Steve Galbavy
Kellie Rasmussen
Mona Ojeda
Mike Hamilton
Kati Purkett
Joe LaPlante

What's New at Job Service? 1) The official certification as a One Stop System was formalized by Pam and Darrel receiving a plaque at the State Workforce meeting. 2) WIA adult funds, Job Service and HRDC jointly share this money; have been award with about a \$2000 cut between four counties. Darrel talked about the WIA youth funds for HRDC which were down about \$17,000 due to a new funding formula. 3) Disability Navigator Grant was awarded to Job Service but no more details yet. 4) Job Service is the Dislocated Worker Operator. We have always done the rapid response part of this program and AFLCIO did the training funds. Now Job Service will subcontract some training funds to AFLCIO and keep some themselves. 5) We are looking at doing a job fair for protective services and are also working on retention items for both employers and employees. 6) A major change is coming to Job Service. In a nutshell all managers and assistant managers are being laid off June 30, 2007 and we will be going to 5 regions that will each have a director and most offices will have a supervisor(s). More information to follow as we find out. *The JSEC committee was very concerned about this and will be asking for more information from Helena.*

Treasurer's Report: \$1549.49

Sub Committee Reports:

Seminar – The seminar with Jim Nys on “Winning the War on Talent” and “Ten Steps to Hiring Success” – both are 2 hour seminars – is set for July 8 and tentatively to be held at the hospital in the morning. Barry will continue to work on this.

Outreach – no report

JSEC Employer Resource Guide: The April statistics for the www.havrejsec.com website were passed out. Barry is looking at adding a section on retention to the website and also the next newsletter will focus on retention. *Stats enclosed.*

2007 JSEC/Managers Conference: Barry passed out some raffle tickets.

Legislative update: Nothing was discussed on the state level. The federal minimum wage increase is dead at this point as it was attached to Iraq war bills and was vetoed.

Employer Resources: Barry is still reviewing material in the Employer Resource Room and may ask a JSEC committee to help later. Barry has found nothing to link to the JSEC web site that would cost money.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE *WEDNESDAY June 13, 2007 AT 11:30AM AT JOB SERVICE.*